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New recycling scheme for car parts to help reduce fly-tipping

SOMERSET residents can now take vehicle parts to 10 recycling sites for the first time.

Residents can have parts recycled at sites in Bridgwater (Saltlands), Chard, Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton (Priorswood), Wellington (Poole), Williton and Yeovil.

The new chargeable service is expected to help mainly car, motorcycle and mobile home enthusiasts who do their own repairs and improvements.

Costs for single components, such as an unrimmed car tyre, start at £3.50, many small parts are at £4.20 per item, with prices up to £103.80 for an under body structure.

The full list of vehicle parts taken and their costs can be found on the Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) website or in a leaflet from one of the 10 recycling sites.

It is hoped that by making it easier and more convenient to recycle or dispose of vehicle parts, the improved service will also discourage fly-tipping.

Anyone with vehicle parts should contact site staff when they arrive to check costs, pay by cash, cheque or card, and receive their receipt.

Before being brought to a site, items that would usually contain fuel, water, lubricants or other fluids must be drained, and those that might contain an electrical charge must be discharged.

A few vehicle parts will not be taken. Because of their small explosive charges, airbags, items containing airbags – from steering wheels and dashboards to seats and upholstery – and seat belt tensioners or belt assemblies containing tensioners cannot be accepted.

Also not accepted are items that contain or could contain asbestos, such as brake pads or clutch assemblies. These must be double bagged in plastic and sealed before being deposited without a charge at one of seven Somerset sites that accept asbestos: Bridgwater (Saltlands), Frome, Highbridge, Minehead, Street, Taunton (Priorswood), and Yeovil.

Although vehicle parts are not classified as household waste, the changes to accept them at household recycling centres have been agreed by Somerset Waste Partnership (SWP) and site operator Viridor with the Environment Agency, which licence such waste facilities.

With Bridgwater, Frome, Minehead, Taunton and Yeovil sites open seven days a week 8am to 4pm, Chard and Highbridge's Tuesday-Wednesday closure, and Street, Wellington and Williton's Thursday to Friday closure, on any day at least seven sites will accept vehicle parts.

A SWP spokesperson said: "As we continue to build a comprehensive and cost effective range of waste services for local people, this is an important improvement and extension of the assistance residents can expect in recycling or disposing of their waste safely and correctly."

Vehicle parts recycling or disposal is not available to businesses or traders.

Residents who need further guidance on what vehicle parts are accepted and the charges should ask staff at one of the 10 recycling centres or check: www.somersetwaste.gov.uk

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■ IF last year was the year of the A303 it seems 2015 is going to be the year of the train.

Fares have gone up one fifth since 2010, wages have been static. People go by car and clog up the roads because it is cheaper. The £2billion investment offered for the A303 should be spent on public transport to encourage people off the West Country roads.

To make our trains efficient we need them back in public hands. You cannot manage a rail industry efficiently where the track is owned by one company and the rolling stock by another whilst the maintenance services are run by a third. What you get is the maintenance problems we experienced this Christmas and ever rising fares.

Money leaks out into the pockets of the vast number of accountants and lawyers needed to keep the inter-company contracts going and into the companies' shareholders pockets. A single company means fewer contracts, fewer accountants and fewer lawyers and so fewer costs. And "we the public" should be the share holders.

Lets get on with it.

Peter Lansdown,
Secretary, South Somerset Green Party

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NHS praised for coping with high winter demand

THE hard work and commitment of front-line NHS staff dealing with unpresedented demand over the Christmas and the New Year was commended this week by Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, the GP body responsible for the planning and funding of Somerset's health services.

Communities across Somerset were also thanked for their willingness to help the most vulnerable in the community, particularly the frail elderly who can be particularly prone to bouts of ill health which may need the support of the emergency or urgent care services.

Accident and Emergency Departments at Yeovil District Hospital and Taunton's Musgrove Park Hospital coped well throughout December despite reporting higher than usual numbers of patients needing to be admitted.

Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust's community hospital staff, their Minor Injury Units and their community nurses also managed to cope with the demand, which was significantly higher than the same period last year.

The South Western Ambulance Service saw amongst the biggest rise in demand, reporting a 38 per cent increase in the number of incidents responded to over the weekend following Christmas and Boxing Day.

Dr Ed Ford, a Minehead GP and urgent care lead with Somerset Clinical Commissioning Group, commented: "Before, during and after this Christmas and New Year holiday GPs and NHS staff have been feeling the pressure of seeing many more patients in need of emergency or urgent health care services. It is a tribute to the close collaborative working between all the parts of the Somerset health community that we have been able to both meet this extra demand and maintain the high quality of care that patients and their relatives have come to expect.

"Local people, particularly in the county's many smaller, rural communities, have also been heeding the call to look out for well being of their elderly and vulnerable neighbours. The combined effect of what may seem just small acts of kindness and community spirit can have a big impact upon service demand and this is sincerely appreciated by NHS staff across the county."

Musgrove Park Hospital's director of nursing, Carol Dight, said: "We plan for periods of high demand such as this to try to ensure that we can provide high quality, safe care to all patients needing to come to our hospital; however, in recent weeks we have seen more patients that we predicted which has significantly increase the pressure on the hospital.

"Our teams across the hospital are working flexibly and tirelessly to ensure that we continue to be able to provide appropriate care and treatment to everyone coming to the hospital; and our performance levels, in this time of extreme pressure, are a real testament to just how hard they are working to achieve that."

Director of nursing at Yeovil Hospital, Helen Ryan, added: "Staff at our hospital are working extremely hard to ensure we continue to provide access to good, safe care during this very busy period. We hope people will support their local hospital by making the best use of the available range of NHS services and by being patient should they or a loved one require our help".

Sue Balcombe, director of nursing and patient safety at Somerset Partnership NHS Foundation Trust commented: "The last few weeks have seen unusually high level of pressure on health services and our local acute and community hospitals as well as district nursing, independent living teams and other community teams have been fully stretched to meet the demands on their services.

"Somerset Partnership continues to work with colleagues in acute, primary and social care to make sure patients are cared for as effectively and safely as possible in these challenging circumstances, and I would pay tribute to the commitment and compassion of all our staff who have worked – and continue to work - so hard over the Christmas and New Year period."

Pressure still on

The pressure upon local health services is not over. Local hospital trusts have had to cancel a number of routine hospital appointments and operations as a consequence of the high number of emergency admissions.

High demand upon community hospital beds has also led to some patients and their relatives to be advised that their choice of community hospital to be discharged to may be more limited.

With demand for emergency and urgent health care services still at seasonally high levels the public are still being asked to help themselves and the NHS by getting the right treatment. This includes the following:

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- **Minor Injury Unit** - The service will also tell you how to find your nearest Minor Injury Unit, emergency dentist, or late night pharmacist and much more. Alternatively look online for health advice and support on the NHS Choices web site at: www.nhs.uk
- **GP surgery** - If you have been ill for a few days or have symptoms which don't symptoms which don't seem to be getting better make an appointment with your GP.
- **999 ambulance** - If you or a friend or relative are experiencing a life threatening emergency, such as chest pain, serious loss of blood or unconsciousness telephone 999 for an ambulance.
- **Winter 'friends'** - You can be a 'winter friend' to a elderly neighbour or relative by dropping in on an older neighbour or friend once a week , vhecking their home is warm enough, making sure the person you are looking in on is eating well and has some non-perishable foods in the cupboard that they can heat up in case they can't leave the house for a few days, make sur e the person you are helping has warm and grippy shoes and a good coat, hat and gloves. Offer to walk with them if they are not confident alone. If it snows clear the path to their door for them.

MP praises Yeovil Town FC

LOCAL MP David Laws has praised Yeovil Town Football Club for their performance against Manchester United in the FA Cup Third Round at Huish Park last Sunday.

Despite the club's 2-0 loss, Mr Laws, Liberal Democrat MP for the Yeovil constituency, said: "This was a great game of football, which we will all remember in Yeovil for a very long time to come.

"Gary Johnson and our team put in a great performance, and we could even have gone in at half time with a narrow lead.

"There were lots of 'might have beens' in this match, but the fact is that our team put in a gigantic performance against one of the best and most expensive football teams in the world.

"It was a privilege to be at Huish Park for the game, and all of us left feeling very, very proud of Gary and the whole team.

"Indeed, it was a tremendous performance from everyone at Huish Park, on and off the pitch, and everyone from the chairman to the back room staff helped to make this such a memorable day."

District council launches new free afternoon parking scheme

A CAR parking initiative by South Somerset District Council (SSDC), which will see shoppers able to park for free after 3pm on Tuesdays, started this week.

SSDC announced the new parking scheme in its November edition of *South Somerset News*, a residents' newsletter delivered to every household in South Somerset. The scheme will help car drivers park in some of the towns in South Somerset and buy local; a boost for local businesses.

The car parking initiative offers free car parking after 3pm on Tuesdays between January 6th and June 30th 2015 in all SSDC managed pay-and-display car parks in Chard, Crewkerne and Ilminster, plus all but five small car parks in Yeovil.

To park for free, you need to display the voucher that was printed on page 7 of the *South Somerset News* residents' newsletter. The voucher cannot be replaced to residents are advised to keep it safe.

Councillor Tim Carroll, portfolio holder for Finance and Car Park Strategic Income, said: "After consulting a variety of organisations and retailers about possible parking initiatives, the consensus seemed to be that a free period on a weekday afternoon coinciding with the period when the schools come out appeared to the most favoured.

"We will be running this for a trial period of six months and carefully monitoring the uptake after the trial period. We are committed to try out a range of parking initiatives and this particular one is targeted specifically at South Somerset residents."

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New Year – Time for change?

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THE New Year not only provides an opportunity to celebrate a fresh start, but also an opportunity to reflect on the past year, take stock and plan for the future.

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For many people, finding out the facts is a good place to start – facts about divorce and its alternatives or separation from a partner, arrangements for children, financial considerations, and pre- or post nuptial agreements.

Once legal remedies and practical solutions are idenitifed, the options clarified and possibly demystified, then frequently decision-making can be less daunting and can help make a situation become resolvable and/or solvable.

There are now many ways in which information can be obtained – the Internet is often the first port of call for many.

But the volume of information available via the Internet can in itself be daunting and usually offers generalised information when what people are actually looking for are the answers to two key questions:

- How does this apply to me and my family situation/children; &
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South Somerset Choral Society receives ovation at the minster

THE South Somerset Choral Society

A HIGHLIGHT of South Somerset Choral Society's carol concert at the minster in Ilminster was the plaintive sound of the ever popular Silent Night played on the harmonica before the choir took up the melody.

This evocation of the Christmas Day truce between British and German soldiers of the trenches, together with music by German composers interspersed by traditional English carols, was in recognition of this year's centenary of the start of World War I.

The capacity audience showed its appreciation of the evening's music under the direction of Tim Donaldson by a warm ovation at the end of the performance.

The choir was accompanied throughout by organist Philip Scriven, who also performed works by Belgian and French composers.

Guest Andrew Tresidder and choir members Grace Dives, Arwel Huw Morgan and Jenny Broom gave readings at intervals between the carols.

A spokesperson from the Stroke Association provided a brief description of its work at the end of the concert.

This charity was the choral society's 2014 choice in memory of a choir member who died earlier in the year. A retiring collection raised almost £600 for the association.

Neroche DFAS bursary sends youngsters to Tate Modern

AS part of a NADFAS initiative to support young artists, Neroche DFAS offers an annual bursary to encourage study of the arts.

The bursary is presented either to individual young and local artists active in the field of art, design, music, dance or performance arts, or to schools in the area needing extra funding to run art visits and projects. This year it was decided to award the bursary to a school rather than an individual.

On December 1st Juliette Sutton, Head of Art at the Buckler's Mead Academy, Yeovil was formally presented with a cheque for £400 by Deryk Outram, Chair of Neroche DFAS.

The award has enabled the school to take a party of 68 students up to London to visit the Tate Modern.

Buckler's Mead Academy, Yeovil caters for 11 to 16 year olds and offers a wide range of subjects. The Tate Modern is world renowned for its collection of modern and contemporary art.

Neroche DFAS is the oldest branch of NADFAS in the south west and holds monthly talks at Dillington House by leading experts in their field, throughout the year. For details of future events go to: www.nerochedfas.org.uk.

JULIETTE Sutton, Head of Art at Buckler's Mead Academy, Yeovil receiving a cheque for £400 from Deryk Outram of Neroche DFAS

Rotarians impressed by young applicants

THE Rotary Club of Ilminster has increased the number of youths it selects for the Rotary Youth Leadership Award course

Each year the club raises funds to send two youths on the week-long course, which is intended to help develop team work and leadership skills.

Youth committee chairman Harley Pope was supported by fellow Rotarians Linda Piggott-Vijeh and Ken Dewsbury in interviewing and selecting this year's candidates.

Said Harley: "In the past we have sometimes struggled to find two suitable candidates, but the calibre, and the number of candidates who entered this year were exceptional.

"We interviewed eight young people in total and it was a very difficult decision, but in making our final choice we felt that we would like to extend our fundraising efforts to put three candidates forward for the course.

"Each year we invite those selected to come and talk to the club afterwards about their experiences and I am always very impressed by just how much they have been able to develop their leadership skills."

Those selected are Oliver Staples (Wadham School), James White (Somerset College) and Daniel Clements (Holyrood Academy).

THE Rotarians' selection committee

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Scott Rowe Solicitors expand dispute resolution team

LOCAL firm Scott Rowe have appointed Associate Solicitor Kate Maslen to head their Commercial Dispute Resolution team.

Kate, who qualified in 2004, has joined from an Exeter firm. Kate handles all types of disputes and acts for both individual and business clients, from the sole trader to the PLC.

Practice manager and Director Kevin Bull says: "We are delighted to have Kate join us. Kate's experience in a wide range of contentious matters means that we can help more clients with a broader range of problems."

Although the main aim of her work is dispute resolution, Kate is qualified to represent clients at Court. Kate believes that this gives clients best value for money and continuity by having one person able to take a case through to its conclusion.

Kate can be contacted through the Axminster office where she is based, on 01297 32345, or by email on kate.maslen@scottrowe.co.uk.

Appointments can also be arranged at the Chard and Lyme Regis offices if required.

Kate says "I am really looking forward to the new challenges that working for a busy, well respected solicitor's practice will give me and introducing myself to new and old clients alike. If I can help in any way with your legal problems please get in contact"

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Greenfylde praised for work in environmetntal activities

BY LOTTIE WELCH
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AN Ilminster school has been awarded and praised for its efforts in encouraging its pupils to enjoy the great outdoors.

Greenfylde Church of England First School has received a gold award by the Woodland Trust for getting involved in green activities, including tree planting, visiting a local woodland, reducing carbon emissions and recycling.

The Green Tree Schools initiative, which has had over 6,400 schools sign up since it was launched in 2008, offers the opportunity to bring the great outdoors, wildlife and green issues into the classroom.

Claire Oaten, headteacher at Greenfylde School, said: "Our pupils live in an area with a rich country heritage and it is important that we work with our children to foster an appreciation of all this natural beauty.

■ GREEN AWARD FOR GREENFYLDE: Headteacher Claire Oaten, Forest School Leader Vernon Higgins, and forest rangers Sophie Dugdale (left) and Anya Briggs with the award

"Working towards the Woodland Trust award, especially through every child's participation in Forest School, has allowed us to share the natural wealth of our local community with them and encourage them to be future ambassadors for the preservation of our natural world.

"We want our pupils to have the best possible future and we believe all of these worthwhile activities will help promote the care of our future world. Our pupils enjoy taking part in Forest School activities with our Forest School leader, Vernon Higgins, and we are all very proud of the recognition we have received for this work in our Woodland Trust Gold Award."

Schools win awards for participating in green activities and Greenfylde School has planted new trees in their grounds, developed their school garden, run an eco club and joined in with various other Woodland Trust activities.

Karen Letten, Woodland Trust schools communications manager, said: "The scheme promotes a range of opportunities, each designed to stimulate a child's imagination and sustain their interest in woods and trees.

"The achievements of the school are recognised through an awards scheme in which they receive points for taking part in activities. As they reach milestones within the project they will receive bronze, silver and finally an attractive wooden plaque which acknowledges they've achieved the environmental accolade of a gold award."

Rotarians host popular charity coffee morning

MEMBERS of the Rotary Club of Ilminster were delighted with the support for their recent charity coffee morning at The Shrubbery Hotel, held just before Christmas.

Community service chairman Brenda Lake explained: "We were thrilled at the response from local charities to participate in this event. Our main aim for this year has been to ensure greater community involvement.

"We had a wide range of charities, local crafts people and other organisations attend and all of them seemed really pleased with the results, both in terms of increasing public awareness and raising much needed funds.

"Through her charity contacts, my fellow Rotarian Linda Piggott-Vijeh arranged for many of the stallholders to support us.

"In addition to Fiveways Special School representatives, who had Christmas items for sale, we also hosted Horseshoes & Handprints, Purple Field Productions, ActionAid and others, including local wildlife photographer Marc England, whose photograph of baby egrets has been chosen by the RSPB for their magazine.

"All in all it was a great success but, as with all things, we could not have done it without my talented team of willing community service volunteers."

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■ GETTING ACTIVE: Members of Tatworth WI with their new sports equipment

WI gets sporty with new equipment

A GROUP of ladies from Tatworth WI have enthusiastically embraced a range of new sports, including new age kurling and boccia, thanks to South Somerset District Council's Sport50 initiative.

Sport50 offers anyone over the age of 50 the opportunity to try a wide range of adapted sports which can also include badminton, short tennis, walking rounders, croquet and basketball.

The project has been launched by South Somerset District Council's Healthy Lifestyles Team.

Charlie Coward from the team explained: "Having launched the project in the summer of 2013 we were delighted with the response from different communities. As well as Tatworth we now have successful sessions running in Mudford, Henstridge, Somerton and East Chinnock.

"We work directly with communities to arrange the booking of the venue and then provide all the promotional materials, equipment and the qualified coach, leaving the community to simply spread the word. Following the initial sessions we then support the communities to run sessions themselves.

"I am particularly pleased with the enthusiastic response in Tatworth."

Angela Long from Tatworth WI commented: "Following an introductory session from Charlie we soon all realised that kurling is a very versatile team game. It's great fun and a real challenge to make the target mat.

"Boccia has similar principals to indoor bowls and we are now hooked and waiting for our next challenge.

"Over the next three weeks, seated volleyball and badminton were introduced and we found ourselves reaching, stretching and bending further than we thought possible. It was great fun, many laughs and slightly competitive.

"During December we were presented with the equipment from the district council, necessary to carry on the group sessions which recommenced on January 5th. Sessions last around two hours and cost £1.50 including refreshments. New members are welcome and there is no need to be a WI member."

Councillor Sylvia Seal, portfolio holder for Leisure and Culture at South Somerset District Council, said: "The beauty of the Sport50 is that we help to kick-start the activities in each community with taster sessions and then community volunteers have stepped up and organised the sessions themselves. The Healthy Lifestyles Team is still there to provide on-going support and also to provide the equipment and funding towards venue hire."

To find out more about Sport50 contact Charlie Coward on 01935 462347.

Camera club welcomes new members

CHARD Camera Club members have enjoyed a busy year and would welcome more photographers of all abilities to join their ranks.

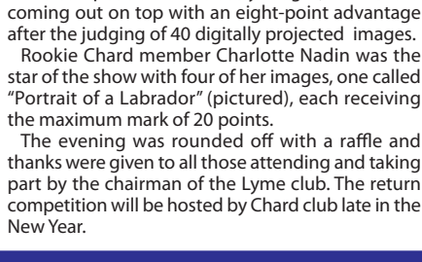
The club exists to foster enjoyment, appreciation and learning the art and techniques of photography.

A club spokesperson said: "We are affiliated to Western Counties Photography Federation (WCPF), and welcome members of all abilities. We offer a mixture of tuition and competition and our work is regularly exhibited in Chard Library and the Guildhall.

"We meet at Chard Baptist Church, Holyrood Street, at 7.30pm on the first and third Thursdays of every month, except July and August. Bi-monthly competitions are held on the third Thursday of each alternate month.

"People interested in furthering their passion for taking photographs would be made most welcome and we recommend that they attend at least twice before deciding whether to join us as active members."

More information is available from membership secretary Peter Partridge (membership secretary) 01460 66885 or by viewing the www.chardcameraclub.org.uk website.



■ A dog helped Chard Camera Club to win the inter-club competition against Lyme Bay Photographic Clib in Uplyme Village Hall in December.

The competition was closely fought, with Chard coming out on top with an eight-point advantage after the judging of 40 digitally projected images.

Rookie Chard member Charlotte Nadin was the star of the show with four of her images, one called "Portrait of a Labrador" (pictured), each receiving the maximum mark of 20 points.

The evening was rounded off with a raffle and thanks were given to all those attending and taking part by the chairman of the Lyme club. The return competition will be hosted by Chard club late in the New Year.

Station friends urge passengers to use ticket office over machines

THE Friends of Crewkerne Station are urging rail passengers to use the booking office at the station to buy their tickets – or they will lose it.

Tickets can be purchased from the office in the mornings for travel later that day or later that week and for the best price. The booking office clerk has access to all available internet offers and prices on her machine and gets the best possible deals.

Frequent rail users Malcolm Wheadon and his wife were dismayed to hear that a ticket machine may be the only way in the future to buy a ticket at Crewkerne Station.

■ **USE IT OR LOSE IT: Secretary of the Friends of Crewkerne Station, Gail Coleshill, with one of the machines which could replace the ticket office**

Mr Wheadon said: "The ticket machines are not easy to use and we always get our tickets beforehand at the station. The booking office clerk is very helpful and not only gets you the times and best prices, but also tells you about any problems like engineering works."

Secretary of the Friends of the Crewkerne Station, Gail Coleshill, is now urging people to use the station ticket office in order to save it.

She commented: "You get the best deals from the station booking office and you don't have to queue for the machine.

"There have been a number of occasions when queueing at the machine to get pre booked tickets has caused people to nearly miss their train. We are also aware that Crewkerne is on the list of 675 stations recommended by Sir Roy McNulty's report to become unmanned in a cost cutting exercise.

"A recent report has uncovered that ticket machines often charge more than a rail ticket purchased from a booking office and these disclosures prompted Claire Perry, the rail minister, to call an urgent summit of railway chiefs, which led them to agree to the creation of the country's first rail fare code of conduct.

"From March, all self-service ticket machines will be required to tell customers if there is a potential cheaper fare available and direct them to a ticket office.

The recent rail fare rises means that some commuters can be paying 14 per cent of their salary on rail fares and makes Britons the highest paying rail passengers in Europe."

MP to speak at new lunch club

THE Winyard's Gap Inn at Chedington, near Beaminster and Crewkerne, has announced the first guest speaker for its newly-launched monthly Lunch Club.

The Rt Hon Oliver Letwin MP will be giving a talk about the economy and local issues on Friday, January 30th.

As we creep closer to the May general election this gives local voters the opportunity to quiz this high profile political figure on issues close to their hearts.

As well as the entertaining monthly talk from a guest speaker, the Lunch Club offers the chance to enjoy a two-course lunch for just £12.95, which will be specially created by award-winning head chef and owner Toby Bult.

Other speakers in the coming months include Bonny Sartin of The Yetties, Bhavani Hogarty of Buckham Fair, Richard Kay from Lawrence's Auctioneers and a cider tasting with Oliver and Penny Strong from Dorset Nectar Cider.

To book a place for the first lunch contact Michelle Bult on 01935 891244 or email enquiries@winyardsgap.com

Have your say on library proposals

PEOPLE are being reminded to have their say on proposed changes to Somerset County Council's Library Services, as the consultation enters its final week.

Nearly 3,000 people have been in touch with the County Council online and in person at a number of sessions held in Somerset Libraries to give their views on the proposed plans.

They were able to share their opinions on several proposed changes. None of the proposals will see any library buildings closing but, along with internal non-customer-facing changes, would save the authority nearly £500,000. These savings will help the Council to continue to protect the most vulnerable in our society.

Proposals include seeing wi-fi installed in all libraries across the county, outreach services expanded for those who cannot visit a library, phasing out the lending of CDs, making changes to how the Performing Arts Library Service is delivered and introducing criteria for mobile library visits. A number of internal changes to the management of the library service will also contribute to the savings.

Councillor David Hall, cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "We have had an amazing response from across Somerset regarding these proposals and I would like to thank everyone who has taken the time to let us know their thoughts on the future of our Libraries.

"If you haven't yet had your say there is still time. Get in touch before Sunday, January 11th and help us shape the way forward."

The consultation is due to close at 12midnight on Sunday, January 11th. Final proposals will be published at www.somerset.gov.uk on Friday, February 13th ahead of a decision at a meeting of cabinet on Monday, February 23rd.

Traditional wassailing in Hinton St George

WASSAILING and a lantern procession will be held in Hinton St George, near Crewkerne, on Saturday, January 17th.

Those wishing to take part in this free event should meet outside St George's Hall at 6.30pm to learn a traditional wassailing song, followed by a procession to the orchard led by willow lanterns, which participants can make at workshops the previous week.

The workshops will be held in St George's Hall from 2pm to 3.30pm or 4pm to 5.30pm on Sunday, January 11th, costing £3 per lantern to include all materials.

All ages, including adults, are welcome but children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Following the procession on January 17th, a barn dance will be held in the hall from 7.30pm to 10.30pm to include live music, a mummers' play and a two-course supper with tickets costing £10 each.

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We have a hairdresser and a registered chiropodist who visit regularly.

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Hazelwell Lodge

HAZELWELL Lodge is a 35 bed Care Home for the elderly situated in Parish town Ilminster in South West Somerset. Miss Edna Maxwin took over the running in 1987, for people with Old age and dementia. Her aim was to change people's perception of care homes and how people view their autumn years. We are now a 35 bed home specialising in care for those who suffer from dementia and associated behavioural issues that may cause challenges in an unsupervised setting. The operation of the home is designed to enable such residents to resume a more appropriate and desirable way of living that deals with their individual needs on a personal level. We provide safe environments that are adapted to the unique needs of the resident so that they can enjoy as much independence, mental and physical stimulation as possible. Miss Maxwin has now been joined in the ownership of the home by her son Chris Ochoa. With the support and interaction of local authorities, NHS and Healthcare professionals it is clear to see that Perceptions HAVE changed and Hazelwell Lodge holds an important and respected position in the local community.

Christmas window winners announced

■ **PICTURED above, the winning entry in the Crewkerne Christmas Window Competition at Stitch Solutions, with Lynne Whitfield holding the trophy and other prizewinners Jilly Lynch, Sally Boyd and Janine Hockey from second place No 31 hairdressers and the No 5 deli. A total of 40 businesses entered the competition and judges said it was very close between first and second place. Organisers would like to thank the judges, as it takes many hours to look at the windows in the daytime and then again at night, which was made more difficult by the large number of entries.**

Prospective MP calls for Chard Junction station to be reopened

SOMERSET county councillor and prospective Conservative MP for the Yeovil constituency, Marcus Fysh, has called for upgrades to local rail infrastructure that will improve connections and economic opportunities.

Mr Fysh said: "Improving our local infrastructure is crucial to our quality of life as well as the healthy economy we need to provide the jobs and opportunities for ourselves and our children. That's why investing in rail transport is a key part of my plan for our area.

"It's why I've been pushing hard with Conservative rail minister Claire Perry and the train operators to get more investment in our local rail system, to make it more resilient and to provide more local opportunities, with a focus on upgrading Yeovil's connections and getting Chard Junction reopened.

"It has always seemed a missed opportunity to me that the Weymouth-Bristol and Exeter-London lines are no longer connected by rail services that give direct connections to onward destinations, given the connecting line is still there between Yeovil Pen Mill and Yeovil Junction. There are several obvious benefits of reconnecting them, including enabling commuters from Sherborne, Crewkerne and beyond to come into Yeovil by train with smart scheduling and more frequent services.

Alternative for commuters

"These improvements would help take pressure off the A30 at Babylon Hill and its junction with Lyde Road that gets so congested especially at rush hour. There's more to do to solve that traffic problem, as the business park just across the border in Dorset is badly designed for parking and interferes with the operation of the roundabouts at the bottom of Babylon Hill, and when it's really bad the Lyde Road roundabout descends into gridlock too. Giving commuters an alternative is a start.

"Reconnecting Yeovil Pen Mill and the London line could enable those within walking distance of Yeovil Pen Mill to travel directly to the stations on the Exeter-London line. That is crucial in my view to help revitalize the eastern part of Yeovil, because it will make it a more convenient place to live or site a business, for all the shopping and employment opportunities of Yeovil as well as its connections to places beyond.

"Getting Chard Junction reopened is also a crucial step in improving Chard's connections and prospects in a similar way, including that of regenerating the industrial park which looks sadly like it will lose Dairy Crest. Both the immediate Chard Junction area and the town of Chard would benefit from more visitor traffic and the ability to travel out by rail.

"Making our town centres and market towns more attractive and convenient places to live and visit should help get them the investment and regeneration they need. That's why I've been so keen to see this happen, as part of my plan to revitalize them."

County running consultation to help manage and improve rights of way

SOMERSET County Council is seeking views on a draft improvement plan that sets out how it will manage and improve public rights of way across Somerset.

The county council maintains more than 6,000km of footpaths, bridleways and byways, collectively known as rights of way. The improvement plan sets out how the council will continue to develop this network with partners and private landowners.

The existing network of public rights of way dates back over 60 years and in many areas there has been little change. In other places, the landscape has changed and people use rights of way more often for leisure activities.

Somerset County Council and other landowners and agencies want to provide a network of routes that meets the current and future needs of both residents and visitors to Somerset, achieved within the current legal framework and within limited resources. Views are being sought on the priorities and actions that are detailed in the draft improvement plan.

Councillor Harvey Siggs, Somerset County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for rights of way, said: "The public rights of way network is key to enabling residents and visitors alike to access services and enjoy the beauty of Somerset's diverse natural and built environment. This plan aims to help us to agree our priorities to make Somerset a choice destination for enjoyable walking, riding and cycling.

"Get in touch by Tuesday, March 10th with your comments and views."

The full document is available at local council offices and libraries and can also be viewed online at www.somerset.gov.uk/ROWIP-Consultation. The consultation will end on Tuesday, March 10th.

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13 FOODS YOU MUST ADD TO YOUR DIET FOR PERFECT SKIN

by Aly Walansky

AFTER all those years of health class, it should come as no surprise to anyone to hear that skin is the body's largest organ. In that same vein (yep, pun intended), foods that help to keep your body feeling great on the inside will also contribute to helping you look your best on the outside. Add these healthy, delicious foods to your everyday diet, and you'll be well on your way to looking and feeling amazing, perfect skin included.

WATER: You've heard it before, but we'll tell you again: Fruits and vegetables both tend to be high in water content, but it's always helpful to simply drink more water, particularly with lemon, says Marie Delcioppo, owner of Lush Vitality. Water keeps the skin well-hydrated and "dewy," and adding lemon to water boosts detoxification and antioxidant intake.

COCONUT OIL: As an anti-inflammatory and antibacterial ingredient, coconut oil will help clear up skin flare-ups, moisturize, and boost antioxidant activity, which slows down the aging process, says Delcioppo.

POMEGRANATES: To boost the efficacy of your favorite sunscreen, arm yourself with fruits that contain nutrients that can protect from the inside out, says celebrity dermatologist Dr. Howard Murad. Pomegranates are a great source of polyphenol and ellagic acid, one of nature's most powerful antioxidants, which has actually been proven to improve the SPF of topical sunscreens. Because free radical damage affects every cell in the body, polyphenol is a great way to prevent damage from occurring from the inside out to protect against premature aging.

GREEN TEA: There have been a number of encouraging studies showing the skin benefits of green tea, says Dr. David Bank, dermatologist and Founder & Director of The Center For Dermatology, Cosmetic & Laser Surgery. "Animal studies showed protection

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from skin cancer [as a result of green tea consumption]. Both animal and human studies have credibly demonstrated that topical green tea formulations reduce sun damage." He adds, "Green tea appears to exert sun damage protection by quenching free radicals and reducing inflammation rather than by blocking UV rays. Therefore, green tea may synergistically enhance sun protection when used in addition to a sunscreen."

SWEET POTATOES AND CARROTS: Vitamin A can help with signs of premature aging, says Rene Ficek, RD, LDN, CDE, the lead nutrition expert for Seattle Sutton's Healthy Eating. Vitamin A is a very popular, well-known skin topical treatment, but consuming it can also help protect skin. Super foods like carrots and sweet potatoes are packed with antioxidant beta-carotene, the precursor to vitamin A.

BERRIES: Berries are an excellent source of vitamins, particularly vitamin C, which helps repair damaged body tissues and has been linked to skin cancer prevention, says Ficek. "In my studies of collagen, vitamin C emerges as very important for beautiful and healthy skin. It helps protect skin, fights oxidation, encourages collagen synthesis and more," says Kathy Heshelow, founder of Sublime Beauty. Be sure to include berries, citrus, kiwis, leafy greens, and peppers in your daily diet for gorgeous skin!

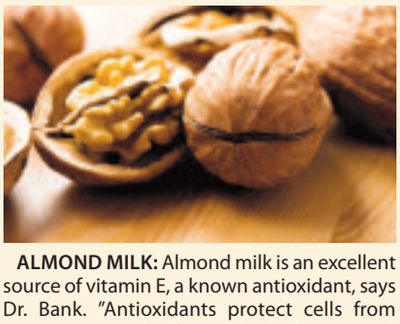
DARK CHOCOLATE: Some of the most obvious signs of the aging process can be found in the appearance of our skin. Exposure to ultraviolet radiation ages the skin more quickly, but eating dark chocolate has been shown to help protect the skin against the harmful effects of ultraviolet exposure, says Ficek.

RED WINE: You may know that red wine can be good for the heart, but the same antioxidants and nutrients which help to fight heart disease by protecting the lining of blood vessels also fight signs of aging, says Ficek. One of the most recognized anti-aging components found in red wine is an antioxidant called resveratrol—studies have shown that resveratrol may help prevent blood clots and decrease inflammation within the body.

GREEK YOGURT: Yogurt makes a wise addition to most diets, but Greek yogurt is especially beneficial due to its high protein content, which can be twice as much as other yogurts, says Wendy Lewis of Beauty in the Bag.

PROBIOTICS: If you are looking to achieve clear, blemish-free skin, make sure probiotics are part of your daily diet, says Dr. Roshini Raj, a celebrity doctor and founder of TULA probiotic skin care line. Named as a new beauty breakthrough by the American Academy of Dermatology, probiotics have been shown to help clear up skin, calm inflammation, and decrease skin sensitivity and redness. By altering the permeability of intestinal walls and acting as a sealed barrier, they prevent certain molecules that may lead to inflammation, which in turn can trigger acne or rosacea, from entering the bloodstream. Moreover, recent research also suggests that when applied topically, probiotics secrete anti-bacterial and anti-inflammatory substances that help with skin conditions like acne, eczema, and rosacea. Talk about a panacea!

WALNUTS: Walnuts are loaded with protein and omega-3 essential fatty acids to boost your collagen production, says Lewis.



ALMOND MILK: Almond milk is an excellent source of vitamin E, a known antioxidant, says Dr. Bank. "Antioxidants protect cells from damage caused by free radicals. Free radicals alter cell genetic code, resulting to mutated proteins. When mutation happens, cancer may develop. Free radicals often cause irreversible damage to the skin; it contributes to collagen and elastin depletion," Dr. Bank says. Collagen and elastin are important substances that give the skin its elasticity and firmness. The collagen and elastin supply of the skin are depleted after prolonged exposure to free radicals. As you get older, your body is unable to replenish the depleted supply; this is the primary cause of wrinkles, fine lines and other skin blemishes.

HEALTHY FATS: Fats and oils can provide anti-inflammatory protection and youth-preserving antioxidants. Fatty fish provides hefty helpings of anti-aging omega-3 fatty acids; salmon, mackerel and albacore tuna are among your best bets, says Ficek. Nuts are another great way to incorporate healthy fats, as well as skin-protecting Vitamin E.

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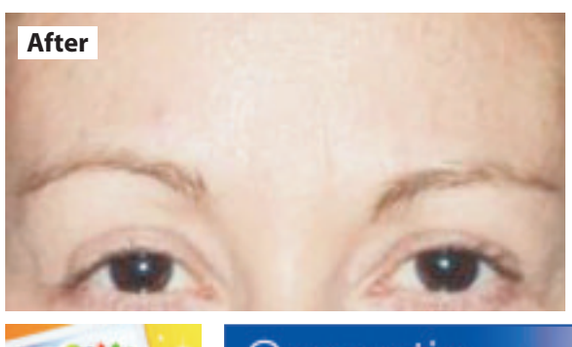

Libraries helping to fight January blues

SOMERSET'S libraries will be leading the fight against post-Christmas depression with a range of events and activities to mark "Blue Monday".

This year's "Blue Monday" – the day said to be the most depressing of the year – falls on Monday, January 19th. Libraries across the area, including in Chard, will be displaying books which have changed people's lives for the better, each with a short paragraph by the person who nominated the book. Library users are also invited to nominate their own life changing book to be added to the displays.

"Blue Monday" is thought to be caused by, among other things, the arrival of post-Christmas bills. So five Somerset Libraries will also be running short courses on using the internet to help manage finances. Staff will support learners through an online course and then look at websites such as www.moneysavingexpert.com and www.moneyadviceservice.org to help manage bills.

Councillor David Hall, Somerset County Council's cabinet member with responsibility for libraries, said: "January is certainly not my favourite time of the year, but long dark nights and cold wet weather do make it much more appealing to stay in with a good book.

"Somerset's libraries will be offering a range of feelgood literature and self-help courses to help banish the post-Christmas blues, so well worth a visit this winter."

The financial management courses are free and will run on "Blue Monday", January 19th at Chard LIbrary between 2.15pm and 4pm, as well as at Bridgwater, Minehead, Taunton and Yeovil libraries during the day.

Basic computing skills are necessary for these courses. Places are limited and can be booked at the libraries listed above, or by phoning 0845 345 9177.

League of Friends donate to therapy charity

RON Bond, chairman of the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital, met up with Desi Fradgley of local charity Horseshoes & Handprints recently to hand over a cheque for £2,000.

Desi said: "Horseshoes and Handprints are extremely grateful to the League of Friends of Crewkerne Hospital for their support, which allows families from Crewkerne to be able to bring their children to us.

"We help all members of the family, because living with a child with special needs can affect them all in different ways. What is unique about the work we do is that each member of the family is able to have their own separate therapeutic session, with or without input from the horses. This approach enables them to build up their confidence in being around horses.

"Riding has been shown to have the effect of opening up areas of the spinal column which allows various hormones to reach the brain that set the learning receptors in action.

"The results of the therapy we offer range from better speech and communication, fewer incidents of meltdown and negative behaviour and improved memory and attention span, which results in positive outcomes in many areas of daily life.

"Siblings often find life difficult at home and at school and by having their own session they are able to 'be themselves', whilst their parents can benefit from a relaxing, non-judgemental environment – they can participate in the activities, have their own time with a horse, go for a walk or even go to sleep – whatever is needed to help them regain their equilibrium."

Ron added: "We have been delighted to support Horseshoes & Handprints. In addition to providing help for our local hospital, we are very much part of the community, aiding those who are are sick, disabled or infirm.

"We were approached by the charity to see if we could provide financial support to enable a child from Crewkerne to receive therapy at their facility. The child's mother has told the me that this has made a tremendous difference to the lives of all the family, which was wonderful to hear.

"This donation was made possible through the generosity of Crewkerne residents who give their support. The hospital continues to be the League's main concern. We have recently paid for the renovation of the Rehabilitation Unit, and are now considering other projects which will enhance patient comfort and well-being in our hospital and the community."

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Ottery Auction Rooms hits the TV

THE episode of Antiques Road Trip filmed at Ottery Auction Rooms last year will be shown on BBC1 at 4:30pm next Monday (January 12th).

When asked, auctioneer and valuer David Sumner was not sure how much of what was filmed at the saleroom would be aired, as the focus of the programme is on the items and the experts.

David jokingly said that he has a face for the radio and his piece would probably be found on the cutting room floor! However he thought it was interesting to see how these shows work and that as a piece of advertising it can't do any harm.

The next sale to be held at the Finnimore Industrial Estate auction rooms is on Saturday, January 17th at 10am.

These early in the year sales often do well because dealers have been sat on their laurels over Christmas and want to get back to the fairs and restock their shops with fresh items.

The same goes for collectors, who want to go out and banish their winter blues by purchasing something nice.

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The Giants is the debut production of West Coker-based Wassail Theatre. It is about striving for your dreams and going all out for it - even when life throws you unexpected twists or turns.

Tom Davies - Chairman of Petherton Arts Trust, which owns and runs The David Hall - said the Trust is delighted that Wassail has chosen their venue for its launch. "We are trying to attract younger people to The David Hall and with all the school-age football fans we have in this area, The Giants is a perfect play to bring youngsters through our doors."

The Giants is produced by Yeovil Town fan Nick White, from Kingsbury Episcopi; written by Brentford fan, Will Gore; directed by Norwich City fan, Tim Bell and performed by Liverpool fans, Jack Kelly and Molly Taylor, with original music composed by Seamas Carey.

Wassail Theatre's debut production is supported by Arts Council England, Take Art and South Somerset District Council.

Tickets are £11 Full, £9 Concessions and £32 for a family of four and can be booked and paid for via the website www.thedavidhall.org.uk Places can also be reserved by calling 01460 240 340 or by e-mailing boxoffice@thedavidhall.org.uk

HAY FEVER

WAREHOUSE Theatre's new show, 'Hay Fever', is set in the 1925 country home of the eccentric Blisses - Judith, a recently retired stage actress, David, a self absorbed novelist, and their two equally unconventional children who live in a world where reality slides easily into fiction. Entering this world, the unsuspecting weekend guests - a diplomat, a flapper, a boxer and a fashionable sophisticate - are thrown into melodramatically scenes of family bad manners where emotions are professed for scenarios which do not exist. Noel Coward wit prevails in this light comedy.

Hay Fever will be performed at Warehouse Theatre, Brewery Lane, Ilminster from February 4th to 7th. Tickets are £9 (conc £8, children £7) available from Lanes Garden Shop (Silver Street, Ilminster) or by calling 07943 779880.

Got2Funk!

FOR anyone looking for some 'dancing' music and disco, the Got2Funk Disco Night at Square+Compass is the perfect night for you!

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The funky 70s hits are played live by Southamptons finest six- piece disco band Got2Funk!

The Got2Funk Disco Night takes place on Saturday, January 17th at The Barn at Square+Compass, Windmill Hill near Ilminster. Doors open 8pm. Tickets are £10 in advance from the venue or by calling 01823 480467, or from Black Cat Records (Taunton). Tickets on the door are £12.

ZEM CC announce annual Prize Bingo night in February

CHARD-BASED ZEM Carnival Club are pleased to announce that their Annual Prize Bingo will be held on Saturday, February 28th at Crowshute House, Chard.

There will be three prizes per house, a mammouth raffle and refreshments available.

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CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall - lunch club, mid-day for 12.30pm start. All welcome, but please book in advance – by phoning 01460 77057.

SATURDAY JANUARY 10TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Sticks' presents 'What we did on our holiday' (12A), in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact 01460 72906.

MONDAY JANUARY 12TH

CREWKERNE: Bridge for beginner and improvers, every Monday at The Henhayes Community Centre from 2pm. £3. a session. Call 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

CREWKERNE: Blood Donors session, Methodist Church, South Street. 13.15pm to 15.15 and 16.45 to 19.15

TUESDAY JANUARY 13TH

CREWKERNE: Tuesday Welcome Group £1 per session at Henhayes Centre. For people 70/80+ who like to meet other people and enjoy a few activities like painting, pottery, music, quizzes and occasional bingo. Transport can be arranged and a cooked meal can be purchased from £3.50. Take-away meals are available.

WEDNESDAY JANUARY 14TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo – Cash prizes – "eyes down" at 2.30pm at Henhayes Centre.

THURSDAY JANUARY 15TH

CREWKERNE: Over 50s Keep Fit at Henhayes Centre. Class begins at 10am and costs £2.50 for members and £3.50 for non-members.

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Sequence Dancing at the Victoria Hall, 1.45-4pm. £2pp includes teas and biscuits. Raffle. For more details call 01308 862866 or 01935 415520

FRIDAY JANUARY 16TH

CREWKERNE: Henhayes Centre 3pm, united churches worship service.

MONDAY JANUARY 19TH

CREWKERNE: Bridge for beginner and improvers, every Monday at The Henhayes Community Centre from 2pm. £3. a session. Call 01460 74340 if you would like to attend.

CREWKERNE: Crewkerne Awareness January Meeting. Guest Speaker: Ann Evans on the topic of 'Sacred Chanting'. At the Meeting Room, Unitarian Chapel, Crewkerne. 7pm-9.30pm. Admission £2.50 (Includes Light Refreshments). Everyone Welcome. Further details telephone Anastasia 01460 351019.

CHARD: Chard, Ilminster & District U3A invites anyone who has retired from full-time employment to come to Chard Guildhall at 2pm for a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits and listen to a talk about Tudor food, by Jenny Peet, entitled 'From Field to Table'.

TUESDAY JANUARY 20TH

CREWKERNE: Bingo at George Reynolds Centre, doors open 6.30pm, eyes down 7.30pm. In aid of Crewkerne Mens Football.

THURSDAY JANUARY 22ND

CHARD: Chard Camera Club inter club competition against Wellington with Chard hosting at the Baptist Church Hall, Holyrood Street at 7.30pm. Anyone wishing to view the competition will be made most welcome. Contact can be made through Peter Partridge 01460 66885 or via their website www.chardcameraclub.org.uk

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FRIDAY JANUARY 23RD

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TATWORTH: Film: 'Effie Gray' (cert 12a), doors open 7.15pm, film 8pm. At Tatworth Memorial Hall. Organised by T&F Movies. For more details call 01460 220198.

ILMINSTER: Somerset Wildlife Trust Ilminster/Chard group illustrated presentation "Ditchwater isn't Dull!" Martin Drake formerly of Natural England will describe the wide range of invertebrates living in ditches on grazing marsh primarily on Somerset Moors and Levels. 7.30pm at Parish Hall, North St, Ilminster TA19 0DG. Everyone welcome £2 members, £3 non-members, no charge for children. Refreshments available.

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SUNDAY JANUARY 25TH

CREWKERNE: A joint venture by Filmcrew/Wadham School French dept and Crewkerne and District Twinning Association. Starting at 12pm Showing 'Le Balloon Rouge' (The Red Baloon) followed by 'Les Choristes' (the Chorus). Both with sub titles. At Wadham School. French light lunch and refreshments. £5.00 per head. Tickets available from Crewkerne News in Falkland Square or by phoning 01460 75025

THURSDAY JANUARY 29TH

CLAPTON: Clapton & Wayford Village Hall, 7.30pm - local resident Anne Mosscrop will relate tales of her time as a young nurse working among Cree Indians. Entrance, £4 includes cheese & wine; proceeds to be shared between Christian Aid & Village Hall. All welcome; do come & join us for a most entertaining evening; Anne is well known for adding plenty of humour to her talks. Further information from 01460 74849

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SATURDAY FEBRUARY 14TH

HINTON ST GEORGE: Hinton St. George 'Flix in the Sticks' presents 'A Most Wanted Man' (15), in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets £5 in advance from the Village Shop and Dorothy's Tea Room, or, £5.50p on the door. To reserve Tickets please contact Bob Kefford on 01460 72563.

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FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH

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Octagon Theatre's 'Giant' of a panto breaks all box office records

SOUTH Somerset District Council's Octagon Theatre is celebrating following its most successful pantomime of all time.

'Jack And The Beanstalk' was seen by over 25,000 people over the festive period and patrons contacted the theatre in their thousands to thank them for putting on the biggest and best pantomime Somerset has ever seen.

Deputy Theatre Manager, Kate Wigmore, said, "We wanted patrons to experience a truly magical pantomime for our 40th Anniversary at The Octagon Theatre and we are delighted that Evolution Pantomimes delivered on all counts. The feedback from patrons has been phenomenal and we are so very proud of the quality of this production. It has been an absolute joy to see so many families enjoying the FE-FI-FO-FUN and 'Jack And The Beanstalk' is a pantomime we will be talking about for a very long time here at Somerset's Premier Theatre."

Patrons will be thrilled to learn that tickets for Evolution Pantomimes glittering production of 'Sleeping Beauty' are already on sale for Christmas 2015 and not surprisingly, thousands of people have already snapped up tickets, in order to book the best seats in the house and take advantage of the Early Bird Discounts. Kate Wigmore said, "This Christmas has proved that our patrons love good quality pantomime as much as we do and having recently seen Evolution Pantomimes dazzling 'Sleeping Beauty', I know there are lots of treats in store and tons of laughter to look forward to in this stunning production."

Evolution Pantomimes recently had three of their pantomimes in the Daily Mail Top Ten of all British Pantomimes and word has definitely spread about the quality of the Octagon Theatre pantomime. With so many families now travelling from further and further afield to see the UK's finest pantomime producers at work, it is definitely advisable to book early to avoid disappointment.

For more information and to book tickets for upcoming shows at Yeovil's Octagon Theatre contact the Box Office on 01935 422884, visit the website at www.octagon-theatre.co.uk or pop into the theatre.

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Daily: 13.10, 16.30, 19.45

The Theory of Everything 12A
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Sun: 13.50, 19.40, Mon: 14.00, 17.00
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Thu: 13.50, 16.40

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Fri-Sun, Wed, Thu: 12.50, 16.10, 19.30, 20.50
Mon, Tue: 12.50, 16.10, 19.30

Paddington PG
Fri, Wed: 13.30, 16.00, 18.30
Sat: 10.50, 13.30, 16.00, 18.30
Sun: 10.50, 13.30, 17.00, 18.30
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Fri-Sun, Wed, Thu: 12.10, 17.35
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Dolphin Tale 2 U
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Sat & Sun: 10.30am

Unbroken 15
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Foxcatcher 15
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Fri, Mon-Thu: 13.00

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Fri-Sun, Tue-Thu: 20.30

Foxcatcher 15
Daily: 13.30, 17.00, 20.00

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Tinker Bell and The Legend of the NeverBeast U
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The Power To Captivate

AHEAD of the 2015 North American International Auto Show (NAIAS) in Detroit, Infiniti raises the curtain on its vision of a premium sports coupe.

The striking Q60 Concept is poised to entice coupe fans with its sharp contours and hand-crafted interior, while at the same time suggesting performance and power to match. Result: a no-compromise fusion of looks and speed.

The Q60 Concept sits low and wide in a road-hugging stance hinting at exceptional dynamics and driving pleasure.

While the Q60 Concept is fresh and original, it evokes a sense of déjà vu at times with whiffs and traces of the Q80 Inspiration (shown this past October at the Paris Motor Show) evident in its finest details.

The audaciously low roofline and quilted leather seats remind one of the elegant full-size Q80 Inspiration, while the aerodynamic gills behind the front wheel arches are inherited from the Q50 Eau Rouge sports saloon concept.

"The Q80 Inspiration was an indication of Infiniti's future design language," said Alfonso Albaisa, Infiniti Executive Design Director. "The Q60 Concept is the next step in the journey.

"The sweeping lines of the Q80 Inspiration gave the Q60 Concept its coupe silhouette and looks while the Formula One-inspired touches from the Q50 Eau Rouge endowed the coupe with its sports personality."

The visual excitement in the edgy lines of the concept is set off by the custom 21-inch wheels which take up the entire wheel arch. Inspired by jet turbine blades, the black spokes in a combination of mattes and chromes stretch to the edge of the wheel, further emphasising how "planted" the coupe is.

The high-quality ambience inside speaks of Infiniti's meticulous attention to detail, clearly evident from the impeccable hand-stitched leather to the precise treatment of the carbon fibre accents.

Infiniti designers use a variety of leathers on the seats to provide just the perfect balance of comfort and support as befits a premium sports coupe. They also make the Q60 Concept a genuine "2+2" coupe by giving rear passengers more legroom through the use of genuine sport seats.

As a foreshadowing of the next generation of Infiniti's premium sports coupe, the Q60 Concept makes use of taut lines and sports car cues to convey exceptional stance and presence.

▲ Infiniti Q60 Concept

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THE New Discovery Sport leads a supreme performance by Land Rover in the What Car? Car of the Year Awards, honoured with the Safety Award for its unmatched provision of advanced systems to protect both those on board and pedestrians.

The award establishes Discovery Sport's entry into the compact SUV segment with its ground-breaking packaging, advanced engineering and its ingenious 5+2 interior configuration within a compact vehicle footprint.

The enduring strength of the Land Rover range is reflected in the Range Rover Sport SDV6 HSE being named the best large SUV for the second year running and earning a What Car? Price Point "best buy" win in its price bracket.

A strong combination of quality and value secured a further Price Point win for the Range Rover Evoque SD4 Pure Tech in the small SUV class. The Range Rover 3.0 TDV6 Vogue SE cemented its superiority among luxury vehicles priced over £70,000.

Murray Dietsch, Director of Land Rover Programmes, said: "Winning this award provides Discovery Sport with valuable, independent validation of its exceptional quality and ability. It reflects the extreme lengths we go to, to ensure safety provisions go beyond what is required, and what customers expect.

"Safety was a fundamental priority in the development of Discovery Sport as a true family vehicle. This award rewards the no-compromise, pioneering work we have invested in the model."

Jeremy Hicks, Jaguar Land Rover UK Managing Director, commented: "These awards further strengthen the prospects for Discovery Sport ahead of its market introduction while at the same time reinforcing the class-leading qualities presented across the Land Rover range.

"Range Rover Sport remains pre-eminent in its class and our continuous improvement of Range Rover Evoque is sustaining its award-winning quality three years on from its launch. At the top of the market, Range Rover remains a formidable performer in delivering bespoke luxury and exceptional performance capabilities."

Discovery Sport – Safety Award

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In its appraisal of Discovery Sport, What Car? declared: "Most impressive is how far Land Rover has gone beyond the required standards for a five-star NCAP rating. Adult protection is rated as the second highest score of the year, child and pedestrian protection are highly credible and the safety assist rating dwarfs that of rivals."

Discovery Sport benefits from intelligent use of advanced technologies for safer driving, including the adoption of Autonomous Emergency Braking as a standard feature across the range. Using a digital stereo camera, this recognises and alerts the driver to potential collision hazards ahead, engaging emergency braking if needed to avoid or reduce the consequences of an impact. As a first-in-class feature for a small SUV, Discovery Sport is also available with a pedestrian airbag as standard, deploying automatically from the rear upper section of the bonnet.

The suite of active and passive safety systems is comprehensive, including Dynamic Stability Control, Electronic Traction Control, Roll Stability Control, Anti-lock Braking Systems, Reverse Traffic Detection, Emergency Brake Lights, Lane Departure Warning and Seatbelt Reminders.

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rugby round up

Chard left to rue late penalty miss

Chard 15
Oxford Harlequins 17
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THIS was another outstanding game to watch if you were a neutral but it was a nightmare occasion for the home supporters who saw their team miss a penalty opportunity in the last few minutes which would have given their side a second win on the trot.

As it was Chard had to settle for just a losing bonus point as they were less than seven points between the sides at the finish

Chard won possession straight from the kick off and the forwards showed their intent by driving Oxford back to their own line.

The visitors were forced to give away a penalty which Mike Lawton successfully kicked to put Chard in front.

Within minutes the hosts had given up their advantage when, despite having several chances to clear their lines, they again were caught out trying to run the ball out of their own 22 metre area.

As has been the case so often this season they messed things up close to their line and from a resultant scrummage the big Oxford forwards drove Chard back over their own line for a try under the posts which was successfully converted .

The game was a ding-dong affair at this point and the Chard forwards were again showing their worth. The efforts of the forwards won a penalty but unfortunately Lawton pulled his effort wide.

Chard had another penalty awarded midway through the half and, although in a kickable position, the decision was taken to go for the corner and attempt to score from a planned set move.

The decision paid off as from the lineout Chard won clean ball and number eight Rob Burnell was driven over for a try which went unconverted .

Chard had now moved in to an 8-7 lead but this would not last long because the next time Oxford got into the home half an over eagerness to get the ball resulted in a penalty being given away and the kick was landed and the visitors led by two points at the break.

Oxford upped their game after the turnaround and were rewarded with a try from Huw Diamond which Sharratt again converted,

Once again Chard again did not help their cause by some odd decision making deep in their own half which kept them under pressure.

But their defensive tackling was superb and some how or other Oxford were prevented from scoring several more tries.

Having withstood the onslaught Chard eventually got into opposition territory and, with probably one of their best handling movements of the season, the ball flew out wide and winger Ben Stead crossed for a fantastic try on the right which Lawton converted moving his team to within any score of victory.

With only minutes to go Chard were awarded a penalty in a straight forward position but it sailed wide of the posts and Oxford held on for a nail-biting win.

Once again so near but so far for Chard but the team played very well.

Johnson looks to have a lot of promise at scrum-half, Stead is having an outstanding season, the forwards collectively are a strong unit and there were signs in the backs that things are picking up.

Chard team; Harrison, Stead, Douglas, Helliar, Lawton, Twigg, Johnson, Parsons (capt) Wright, Burrell, Henley, Mortensen, Aplin, Robinson, Hyslop, Selway, Biss, Hayward.

Tomorrow Chard probably face their toughest game of the season when they travel to play league leaders REDINGENSIANS.

Chard 2nds won 22-0 at Cheddar in Somerset Division One .

The game was called off early on when it was clear that the home side, who started several players short could not continue, and Chard were awarded the points.

Tomorrow Chard 2nd XV are at home to Chew Valley 2nd and the 3rd xv are away at Castle Cary.

Chard Colts won comfortably against Minehead and were refereed by former International referee Tony Spreadbury. Tomorrow the Colts are scheduled to visit Frampton Cotterell.

◆ **Crewkerne** 1st XV recorded their third win in four outings with a 27-14 victory over Wellington 2nds.

The team travel to Midsomer Norton 2nds tomorrow while the Henhayes 2nds visit Wells 3rds.

Nat League 3 SW	Pld	+/-	Pts
Redingsensians	15	323	68
Exmouth	15	227	57
Brixham	15	103	53
Hornets	13	150	50
Newton Abbot	15	28	45
Bracknell	14	99	44
Old Centralians	14	12	41
Oxford Harlequins	15	-77	27
Barnstaple	15	-76	26
Bournemouth	15	-95	26
Old Patesians	14	-130	24
Old Redcliffians	14	-125	20
Weston-super-Mare	15	-163	17
CHARD	15	-276	3

Somerset One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chew Valley II	15	445	65
Hornets II	14	398	63
Bridgwater & Albion II	15	264	57
Bristol Barbarians	14	166	49
CREWKERNE	15	169	46
Castle Cary	14	64	43
Old Sulians	14	94	40
Keynsham II	15	-54	32
CHARD II	15	-166	24
Cheddar Valley	15	-69	22
Wellington II	15	-128	20
Yatton II	15	-426	18
North Petherton II	15	-167	13
Midsomer Norton II	15	-590	3

Somerset Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Frome III	8	145	36
MARTOCK	9	189	30
Wells III	8	78	20
Yatton III	5	61	18
CREWKERNE II	6	-21	8
North Petherton III	4	117	7
CHARD III	5	-186	0
Minehead Barbarians III	4	-162	0
Castle Cary II	7	-190	-1
Midsomer Norton IV	4	-31	-10

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CREWKERNE

Division One	Pld	Pts
Lost Boys	11	107
Head Hunters	11	85
Coachmen	11	82
Super Sexy Six	11	75
Stray Cats	11	69
Royal Oak Drimp	11	68
King Willy Dogs	11	66
Football Club	11	59
Mighty Ducks	11	57
Rollers	11	51
Raptors	11	41
Perrott Monkeys	11	32

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Fryers	10	86
Loud n Proud	10	77
Brewers Bees	10	67
Fudders	10	66
Acorns	10	64
Chis Colts	10	62
Rug Rats	10	50
Concorde	9	47
Skimmers	10	46
Muppets	10	33
Merriott Fixers	9	26

Division Three	Pld	Pts
Hill Billies	11	104
Pinbusters	11	101
Sports 92	11	90
Oakley Doakleys	11	86
Sandbaggers	11	67
Beer Leg Boys	11	66
Ugly Ducklings	11	60
Willy Low Flyers	11	59
No Name Yet	11	53
Likely Lads	11	49
Rotary	11	36
Kings Men	11	18

ILMINSTER
Nomination Cup

Division One: Wyndham Clangers 242-11 (B.Richards 48, N.Phillips 19) Bell A 197-1 (S.Hooper 39, P.Speed 10), Nomads 238-0 (J.Thomas, B.Downting 40) Wyndham Warriors 329-12 (K.Kneeshaw 44, G.Pearce 20), Flying Turkeys 293-12 (M.Brown 52, I.Masters 19) Crown Royals 184-0 (S.Edmunds 36, S.Elswood 6), Crown Crusaders 291-4 (L.Dopson 49, G.Sims 25) Rockey's Rollers 294-8 (I.Findlay 70, A.Rockett 14).

Division Two: Ashill Boys 201-1 (S.Robson 33, M.Brown 17) Hatch Beagles 169-11 (A.Stone 50, M.Merlich 15), Hatch Eggs 157-1 (A.Lockyer, R.Coates 5) Ashill Inn 213-11 (L.Woodland 53, VJ Woodland 10), Ilton Choppers 175-1 (G.Danvers 31, C.Hilton 13) Kingshead 208-11 (J.Shorting 40, J.Bening 16), Bell Broadway 159-2 Flying Turkeys AllStars 205-10 (J.Dark 40, J.House 16).

Division One	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys	6	60
Nomads	6	35
Crown Crusaders	5	31
Bell A	5	30
Rockey's Rollers	4	28
Cricketers	4	27
Wyndham Warriors	5	20
Wyndham Clangers	5	18
Crown Royals	4	15

Division Two	Pld	Pts
Flying Turkeys AS	5	55
Hatch Beagles	6	48
Ashill Inn	5	43
Royal Oak Faces	5	34
Ashill Boys	5	32
Bell Broadway	6	31
Kingshead	5	18
Ilton Choppers	6	15
Hatch Eggs	5	12

jack high bowls news

ILMINSTER *by Des Maull*

AFTER the Christmas break Ilminster played their first game of 2015 with a five rink friendly against CREWKERNE last Sunday.

Three rinks were played in the morning, Details: Anthea Hall, Arthur Callagan, Dave Hall and Dave Cox 21 J Callaway 12; Val Darge, Sarah Lightfoot, Jill Wells and Roy Orme 14 S Levera 13; Peter Bloomfield, Jill Parker, Dave Cox and Mike King 24 R Partridge 8; In the afternoon - Dave Wallis, Norma Pugh, Heather Sims and Barry Sims 25 R Lench 8; Cliff Whelan, Dave Pugh and Dot Whelan 23 D Wallis 8.

CREWKERNE SMBC
With Gordon Bodily

ON Tuesday, December 9th six members visited to SOUTH PETHERTON to play a mixed friendly.

Score; Dave Charnick, Tricia Harris & Gordon Bodily 5-10. Gwen Saunders, Jackie

Mitchell & John Lacey 6-20. Gwen Saunders, Jackie Mitchell & John Lacey 18-6.

Dave Charnick, Tricia Harris & Gordon Bodily 5-10 - Final score; South Petherton 46 Crewkerne 34.

ON Wednesday, December 17th - six members made the short trip to CHARD to play a mixed friendly.

Scores; Jean Lane, Tricia Harris & Gordon Bodily 3-23. Dave Charnick, Gwen

Saunders & Carol Thackaberry 9-13. Dave Charnick, Gwen Saunders

& Carol Thackaberry 2-22. Jean Lane, Tricia Harris & Gordon Bodily 4-21.

Final score; Chard 79 Crewkerne 18.

CHARD *by Sandra Sumpter*

THE matches reported here for the MILFORD & DORMOR MIXED TRIPLES LEAGUE actually took place before Christmas when Magpies played Royals and Greyhounds were against league leaders Harlequins.

Magpies held their own against Royals for the first half and were 7-6 up after eight ends.

Royals then did their usual trick of pulling away and left Magpies struggling. Royals took the match convincingly by 14 shots to 9.

Greyhounds had a terrible day with everything conspiring against them. Wicks went against them and bowls always fell away from the jack.

Consequently Harlequins took nearly every end and showed no mercy winning 23-7.

Table	Pld	+/-	Pts
Harlequins	9	67	16
Royals	9	42	14
Magpies	9	0	9
Greyhounds	10	-70	4
Hurricanes	9	-39	3

Glovers In Focus

By Stuart Broom

Great effort - now let's see more of the same

Yeovil Town 0 Manchester United 2
FA Cup R3 – att: 9,264

A LOT has been written about how close Yeovil Town could have come to an FA Cup upset had Kieffer Moore taken the gilt-edged chance that came his way to put the Glovers ahead ten minutes into the second half of Sunday's high-profile third round tie.

Or indeed the Joe Edwards header that £59m Angel de Maria headed off his goal line in the 72nd minute that would have cancelled out Ander Herrera's magnificent opening goal.

Yes it would have been wonderful, but the reality is that despite a superb all-round performance by each and every Yeovil player, at no time did they threaten to cause what would have been another giant killing act.

Despite being led by England's captain Wayne Rooney, and including such superstars as Radamel Falcao and Herrera, bolstered in the second half by Juan Mata and Di Maria, the Manchester United defence looked vulnerable.However the facts were that the Moore and Edwards' efforts were the only real chances they created.

LACK OF GOALS

Five goals from 12 home league games tells its own story, and whilst you could argue that to have two chances against the third best team in the Premiership is good going, I never anticipated Yeovil could upset the form book.

I could also say that based on the recent home performances against fellow relegation candidates Colchester United and Leyton Orient I was expecting a score equivalent to the last meeting of the sides some 50 years ago (8-0), but my theory that some players were holding back to ensure they avoided injury before the big day was proved correct with a superb display .

From the first whistle they closed United down, harrying and not allowing the opposition time on the ball as they did successfully in the Championship last season.

WORLD CLASS PASS

They only conceded a second goal in the dying seconds of normal time when, with Yeovil swarming around David de Gea's goal in a last ditch attempt at an equaliser, Rooney produced his one real good pass; a magnificent sweeping ball from the edge of his own area over the head of last man Simon Gillett which allowed Di Maria to race clear and exquisitely beat Jed Steer in an one-on-one.

Moore, back from injury was aggressive, his height causing the Reds defence a lot of problems, whilst Nathan Smith, who I would have failed to even give a mark to in his last two games so inept has his displays been, like the rest worked like a Trojan.

A fierce critic of Moore in the past, my perception of him increased greatly when, despite the disappointment, he still went before the cameras after the game to talk about his big opportunity in front of goal. I don't think had he scored that it would have made much difference in the end.

I was very disappointed by Manchester United who despite the millions of pounds spent on top players - they were all present except Robin van Persie - if that is Premiership class then the hype about it being the best league in the world doesn't make sense.

Having worried that Yeovil's performance before the tie would suffer as a result, which was proved by two putrid home results; the Colchester game the worst I have seen at Yeovil for many a year; the team has proved that they are better players than they have shown so far this season.

IMPROVED LEAGUE PERFORMANCES A MUST

They need to think hard about their performance on Sunday and realise they need to produce this week in, week out in the league, or they could well be looking for new jobs in the summer if the Glovers are relegated.

LOCAL FOOTBALL ROUND UP

with Howard Larcombe

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BARRINGTON STEAMROLLER RUMBLES ON

Historic quartet still on as Netherbury are beaten by dominant first-half

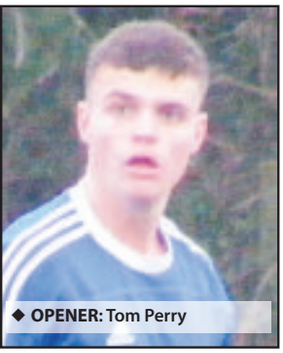
PERRY STREET LEAGUE
Division One League Cup Final
BARRINGTON 3 NETHERBURY 1
Saturday, January 3rd (at Misterton)

BARRINGTON continued their seemingly inevitable march to an unprecedented quartet of trophies with victory over a plucky Netherbury side at Misterton on Saturday.

Both teams came into the game in magnificent form with Barrington unbeaten all season and Netherbury having won their last eight on the spin.

The PSDL officials' decision to stage the game at Misterton was fully justified with the vast majority of other matches in the region washed out and the Unity Lane surface in decent shape.

Barrington took the game to the Ambers from the off. In the first minute pacey front man Tom Perry fired into the side netting. Then centre-back Sam Spurway showed great technique to chest the ball down before swivelling well and forcing a fine low save from keeper Rob Harp.



◆ **OPENER:** Tom Perry

There was an early set-back when the injury blighted Ian Masters was forced off with a reoccuring knee injury which may well keep him out for the remainder of the season.

Steve Burke entered the fray and Harp was soon in action again going full stretch to turn a Guy Dare shot around the post.

But the parity couldn't last and it was no surprise in the 17th minute when impressive left-back Dan Rolandson skipped over a couple of challenges before reaching the byline and crossing for Perry to slot the ball home.

At this stage Netherbury were largely limited to efforts from corner kicks which were dealt with well by Barrington keeper-captain Mark Cullen, Spurway and his centre-back partner Mike Whitefied who was later adjudged MoM.

The lead was doubled just before the half-hour when referee Chris Emmerson, officiating in his first PSDL cup final spotted a trip by Netherbury full-back Christian Steward on Perry, and top-scorer Andy Whitefield smashed the resulting penalty kick high into the net for his 23rd goal of the season.

Netherbury then finally began to force their way into the game. A swift counter attack down the left wing following a Barrington corner saw Chris Symes have a shot blocked by Cullen.

Soon after this a flick on reached the unmarked Mark Cuff unmarked at the back stick but his header from six yards lacked power.

Just before the break Tom Franklin fired a drive from the corner of the box which was well saved by Cullen.

There was a rash of bookings just around the interval with Mike Whitefield, Perry and James Thompson all finding themselves in referee Emmerson's book in a short space of time. And the mounting number of cautions were to prove crucial later in the match.

Barrington were slow out of the blocks after the turnaround and the Ambers sensed a chance to force their way back into a game that had seemed to be lost.

Cuff had a close range back heel blocked and striker Ryan Gall was denied by a fine last ditch tackle by Mike Whitefield.

They grabbed a lifeline their head of steam deserved on the hour when a close range shot from Ryan Gay was handed on the line and Franklin coolly side-footed home from 12 yards.

This was the first goal Barrington had conceded in more than six hours of competetive football.

But hopes of completing a stirring fightback were ended four minutes later when Ambers' defender Nathan Goldstone was dismissed after receiving a second yellow card.

The result was confirmed in the 68th minute when a long throw-in was flicked home by a near post header from Simon Cherry.

Dare went close to rubbing salt into the wounds when he caught Gay in possession but his angled shot was blocked by Harp.

Dare and Gay, who had a good battle throughout, were added to referee Emmerson's bulging book after tangling late on.

Dare then found Andy Whitefield but his shot was tipped over by Harp.

It mattered not, and Barrington lifted the trophy for the second time - the first occasion being back in 1967-68.

Few would bet against them bagging the Division One title and Arthur Gage Cup, and even the Somerset Intermediate trophy which hasn't resided in the local area since it was lifted by Ilminster Town back in 2002.

◆ **WINNERS:** Skipper Mark Cullen (centre) holds the Division One League Cup surrounded by his team mates and manager Sid Brown (right) after Saturday's 3-1 victory over Netherbury

◆ **SHARP PENCIL:** Referee Chris Emmerson was a busy man on his PSDL Cup Final debut

TOMORROW'S FIXTURES

SOMERSET JUNIOR CUP QF *(1.45pm)*
Crewkerne Town v W & M Chinnock
DAISY HUTCHINGS CUP
Round 2 (2pm)
Thorncombe (D2) v Hinton (D4)
Uplyme (D2) v Merriott Rovers (D4)
PREMIER (all 2pm)
Beaminster v Ilminster Town Colts
Combe St Nic Res v Lyme Regis Res
Shepton Beauchamp v Misterton
South Petherton v Perry Street
DIVISION ONE
Farway Utd v Luso-Chard
Netherbury v Barrington
Winsham Utd v Pymore
DIVISION TWO
Charmouth v Combe St Nicholas A
Crewkerne Rangers v Waytown Hounds
Drimpton v Beaminster Reserves
Ilminster Town A v Crewkerne Res
DIVISION THREE
Chard Rangers v Merriott Dynamos
Chard Utd Res v Shepton Beau Res
Dowlish & Donyatt v S.Petherton Res
Kingsbury Episcopi v Barrington Res
Millwey Rise Res v Thorncombe Res
DIVISION FOUR
Combe St Nicholas B v Drimpton Res
Chard Utd AllStars v Farway Utd Res

TOOLSTATION LEAGUE

AFTER last Saturday's scheduled visit by Portishead Town was washed out CHARD TOWN will be hoping for better when they head off to Bowdens Park to take on Cheddar Tomorrow.

Robins' manager Adam Fricker is without the suspended Craig Mawford while Andy Martin is a doubt with a hamstring injury.

But skipper George Chlopecki has recovered from his hamstring strain and Darren Hutchings takes his place in the squad for the first since September following his hernia operation.

"Darren's quality and experience will be a massive boost for us", said Fricker who has named the following squad; *J.Hutchings, D.Hutchings, J.Barfoot, Sh.Wells-Burr, L.Bailey, J.Underwood, B.Haines, L.Gillman, N.Warren, G.Chlopecki, O.Latas, M.Westlake, S.Clark, E.Butcher, B.Symes.*

SOMERSET LEAGUE

IT was a similar story for both ILMINSTER TOWN and COMBE ST NUCHOLAS in the Somerset League.

Next up for Darren Manley's Blues is tomorrow's Premier Division visit by 12th placed Yatton Athletic.

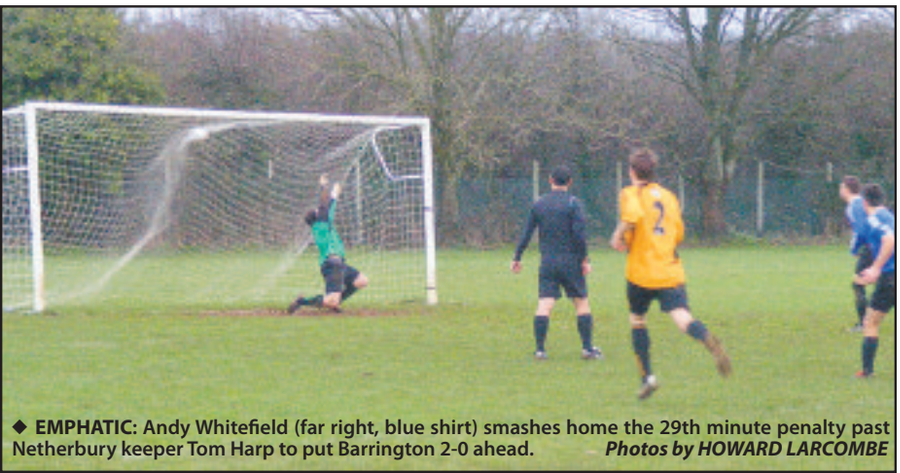
Meanwhile, with Kewstoke Lions inactive tomorrow, Combe could hit top spot if they avoid defeat at 10th placed Clevedon United Reserves. Both games are 2pm ko.

DEVON & EXETER LEAGUE

THE wet weather also put paid to both CHARD TOWN RESERVES AND ILMINSTER TOWN RESERVES' hopes of running off some of the Christmas excesses.

Chard, currently sitting 10th could move back into the top half of the Premier Division table with three points from the visit of Bow AAC tomorrow.

Ilminster could be up against at as they head off to take on new leaders Fluxton who are fresh from a 9-1 thumping of Hatherleigh Reserves.



◆ **EMPHATIC:** Andy Whitefield (far right, blue shirt) smashes home the 29th minute penalty past Netherbury keeper Tom Harp to put Barrington 2-0 ahead. *Photos by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

◆ **KILLER GOAL:** Simon Cherry (blue, right) seals the win with a looping near post flick header

As they stand

Toolstation Div 1	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barnstaple Town	24	74	61
Cribbs	25	33	57
Welton Rovers	23	19	54
Ashton & Backwell	26	23	52
Wincanton Town	26	20	51
Corsham Town	23	19	40
Almondsbury UWE	23	-1	36
Calne Town	27	-3	35
Hengrove Athletic	24	-3	33
Radstock Town	24	2	32
CHARD TOWN	***25***	***-11***	***32***
Cheddar	23	3	31
Devizes Town	25	1	30
Wells City	29	-4	29
Oldland Abbotonians	24	-19	29
Chippenham Park	22	4	28
Wellington	22	-6	28
Keynsham Town	28	-35	27
Warminster Town	22	-9	22
Westbury United	27	-37	19
Roman Glass St G	23	-29	17
Portishead Town	25	-41	9

Somerset Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Shirehampton	20	35	53
Clutton	18	10	35
Watchet Town	18	14	32
Fry Club	17	8	32
Bishops Lydeard	19	0	32
Frome Collegians	18	15	31
Nailsea Utd	20	9	29
Cutters Friday	16	5	29
Bridgwater Town Res	19	2	26
Wrington Redhill	16	-2	25
Berrow	19	-5	22
Yatton Athletic	19	-21	22
Minehead	19	-19	21
Stockwood Green	19	-12	17
ILMINSTER TOWN	***17***	***-21***	***16***
Odd Down Res	16	-7	15
Broad Plain House	18	-6	13
Nailsea Town	16	-14	8

Somerset Div 2W	Pld	+/-	Pts
Kewstoke Lions	14	31	33
COMBE St NICHOLAS	***13***	***31***	***33***
Winscombe	12	34	27
Worle	14	27	27
Highbridge Town	14	31	25
Uphill Castle	13	8	25
Cheddar Res	14	6	24
Taunton Utd 1610	13	9	22
Nailsea Utd Res	10	-2	13
Clevedon Utd Res	14	-14	13
Churchill Club 70	12	-18	10
Nailsea Town Res	13	-16	9
Burnham Utd Res	14	-55	6
Weston St Johns Res	16	-72	1

D & E Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Tiverton Town Res	13	53	36
Heavitree Utd	14	29	34
Sidbury Utd	13	17	25
Newtown	17	-5	23
Topsham Town	12	29	22
Feniton	10	20	22
Hatherleigh Town	10	14	22
Thorverton	12	13	20
Elmore	12	1	18
CHARD TOWN RES	***13***	***3***	***16***
Beer Albion	13	-11	15
Exeter University Res	12	-2	12
Bow AAC	13	-10	11
Seaton Town	15	-28	10
Willand Rovers Res	14	-14	9
Budleigh Salterton Res	17	-109	1

D & E Division 5	Pld	+/-	Pts
Fluxton	12	29	29
Uplowman Athletic	13	26	28
Sandford	12	16	27
Otterton	16	2	26
Sampford Peverell	13	17	23
Feniton Res	14	4	21
Honiton Town Res	11	14	20
Halwill Res	12	-6	15
Starcross Generals	11	-5	13
Winkleigh	10	-2	12
Hatherleigh Town Res	13	-29	12
Priory	8	-7	11
Stoke Hill	15	-29	8
ILMINSTER RES	14	-30	7

PSDL Premier	Pld	+/-	Pts
Perry Street	12	24	28
Crewkerne Town	8	30	24
Shepton Beauchamp	11	28	24
South Petherton	11	28	22
W & M Chinnock	10	20	21
Beaminster	11	23	15
Combe St Nicholas Res	10	23	12
Lyme Regis Res	12	-20	9
Misterton	10	-84	3
Ilminster Town Colts	11	-72	0

Division One	Pld	+/-	Pts
Barrington	9	38	27
Millwey Rise	11	21	25
Winsham Utd	11	16	24
Forton Rangers	11	9	18
Netherbury	9	8	17
Chard Utd	13	2	16
Lyme Regis Bantams	11	-13	11
Luso-Chard	11	-24	9
Pymore	10	-17	4
Farway Utd	10	-40	3

Division Two	Pld	+/-	Pts
Drimpton	10	32	26
Thorncombe	10	11	21
Waytown Hounds	12	9	19
Crewkerne Rangers	11	-2	17
Crewkerne Town Res	8	9	16
Uplyme	9	13	13
Charmouth	12	-7	13
Beaminster Res	11	2	11
Combe St Nicholas A	11	-11	10
Ilminster Town A	10	-56	-2*

Division Three	Pld	+/-	Pts
Chard Utd Res	10	13	22
Kingsbury Episcopi	10	17	21
Barrington Res	10	15	21
Hawkchurch Utd	10	10	16
South Petherton Res	12	-4	14
Thorncombe Res	11	-4	13
Dowlish & Donyatt	10	-6	11*
Shepton Beau Res	9	-10	10
Merriott Dynamos	8	-2	9
Chard Rangers	9	-12	9
Millwey Rise Res	9	-17	5*

Division Four	Pld	+/-	Pts
Merriott Rovers	9	51	27
Combe St Nicholas B	10	28	25
Winsham Utd Res	12	-1	18
Crewkerne Rangers Res	11	7	16
Uplyme Res	9	4	15
Hinton St George	8	-1	11
Drimpton Res	10	-9	9
Chard Rangers Res	9	-15	9
Farway Utd Res	7	-14	6
Chard Utd All Stars	11	-50	4

*= points deducted

running chard road runners

Magnificent turnout for Chard Flyer 10k race

THE Chard Road Runners organised 'CHARD FLYER' was run on a New Years day with a fantastic turn-out of 135 runners aged between from 16 to 69 years old taking on the challenging 10k route.

The traditional start to the New Year saw runners from as far afield as London and Birmingham take to the beautiful lanes, tracks, hills and footpaths as a cure the Christmas and New Years excesses.

Heading off from Stringfellow Park The Flyer took-off at a pace to head down the Cycle path for a fairly flat start.

This was obviously the prelude to the Hill climb up from Knowle St Giles towards Windwhistle before the steep descent to Chard Reservoir into Chard and on up through Glynswood to the finish line at Chard Cricket Club.

With the race being the first of the 20 Somerset Series Races that take please throughout the year a competitive field was in place with a hard fought tussle from the start it was only 36 minutes from the starters klaxon to the finish tape.

Those that completed the race received medels from Trophies247 as they crossed the line.

Results;

Name	Time	Category	Club
P.Bridge	0:36:48	Sen Male	Wells City Harr
J.Scott	0:36:58	Sen Male	Crewkerne RC
P.James	0:41:03	Male 40+	Maiden Newtn
N.Plumridge	0:42:21	Male 50+	Chard RR
D.Barber	0:42:24	Male 40+	Camb & Colr
D.George	0:43:05	Male 50+	Westbury Harr
Z.Hayward	0:43:56	Fem 35+	Maiden Newtn
J Harrison	0:44:29	Fem 55+	Wells City Harr
J.Taphouse	0:45:18	Sen Fem	Minehead RC
E.Wood	0:46:05	Fem 55+	Axe Valley Run
H.Hole	0:46:39	Fem 45+	Minehead RC
J.Beech	0:46:49	Male 60+	Crewkerne RC
K.Eyre	0:46:57	Fem 35+	Axe Valley Run
C Williams	0:47:03	Male 60+	Wells City Harr
D.Baggs	0:47:29	Sen Fem	-
S.Nicholls	0:49:53	Fem 65+	Burnham-on-S
D.Stewart	0:51:00	Fem 45+	Langport Runn
P.Clapham	1:04:50	Fem 65+	Teign Valley RC

Mixed team Winners: Well City Harriers

◆ CHARD Road Runners shook off the Icy conditions to run the THE STOKE STAMPEDE 10K.

Results;

Name	Time	Position
N.Plumridge	41:07	37th
G.Wyatt	48:17	127th
A.Drew	50:33	156th
P.Fraser	52:05	182nd
L.Gold (PB)	53:27	216th
H.Baxter	54:42	233rd
S.Aitkins	56:01	250th
C.Gibbs	56:14	252nd
M.Border	62:82	325th
G.Wheaton	64:32	338th
V.Mussellwhite	69:23	358th
L.Quinlan	74:02	364th
C.Chant	87:11	369th

■ **PODIUM POSITIONS:** (From left) Wayne Loveridge (3rd, Chard Road Runners), Philip Bridge (1st, WellCity Harriers) and Jason Scott (2nd, Crewkerne RC) who led the way for the men in the Chard Flyer.

football extra ilminster town colts

◆ **STILL SMILING:** Ilminster Town Colts have had a difficult season in the Perry Street League Premier Division following their compulsory promotion from Division Two in the Summer. Line-up, standing from left; Matt Rowswell (Manager), Lee Aspland, Brad King, Stephen Garland (Capt), Adam Male, Tom Hutchins, Danny Wiseman, Dan Haines (Assistant Manager). Front; Dylan Beer, Jake Down, Rickie Wilmott, Andy Crouch, Liam Larcombe, Joe Draper. *Photo by HOWARD LARCOMBE*

horse racing taunton

WITH RICHARD WALSH

Big Saturday meeting ahead

TAUNTON Racecourse will be hosting their only Saturday meeting of the season on January 17th when the six race card, which includes three Class 3 events has a very attractive £54k on offer in prize money.

The action on the course going at 1.05pm with a Novices' Hurdle over two miles, three and a half furlongs.

The Novices' Handicap Steeple Chase over half a furlong short of three miles at 2.15 is the first of the two races over the National Hunt course on the card which is followed by a Class 3 Handicap Hurdle with £10k up for grabs.

The big race on the card is the Novices' Limited Handicap Steeple Chase (Class 3) over two miles and half a furlong which has a prize pot of £13,000 and goes to post at 3.25pm.

The afternoon concludes at 3.55pm with the longest race of the day a Class 3 Handicap Hurdle run over three miles and half a furlong which carries prize money of £10,000.

Racegoers are reminded that if they purchase their tickets in advance on line at www.taunton-racecourse.co.uk before 10.30 am the day prior to racing they can take advantage of the substantial discounts on offer.

A courtesy coach picks leaves Taunton Railway Station an hour before the first race and returns from the course 30 minutes after the start of the last race of the day.

Taunton racecourse saw one of the biggest crowds for many years when they hosted their Christmas meeting on December 30th which attracted almost 5000 punters.

Bob Young the chief executive at Taunton was a happy man after the concerns over the weather in the previous few days.

"It was certainly a very busy day for us but we were blessed by the weather and determined to beat Jack Frost, which we did.

"The groundstaff worked all over the weekend to lay covers across the course

and beat temperatures of -4.1C to ensure the meeting went ahead."

The chief executive added: "We hope everyone enjoyed themselves and are grateful for their patience and good humour - everyone seems to accept this is the one meeting in the calendar when we are creaking at the seams trying to cater for all."

Fledgling trainer Alex Dunn who is based on the edge of the Blackdown Hills rounded off the year in style when she notched up her fourth winner of 2014 at her local course when Worldor, owned by her mother, won the opener at 10-1.

Afterwards Dunn, who is making quite a name for herself in training circles said: "Worldor was given a super ride by Adam Wedge who settled him beautifully at the back of the field and produced him at the right time to score in what I thought looked a very competitive race.

"It was wonderful to have a winner for my Mother who is busy nursing a broken foot but was thankfully able to make it to Taunton."

Wessex Point-to-Point: Calendar

ROYAL ARTILLERY
Saturday, January17th. First race: 11.35am
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Secretary: Mr A Connell. Tel: 01980 662529

SOUTH DORSET
Sunday, February 1st. First race: noon
MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Dorset
Secretary: Mrs K Davis. Tel: 01258 817151

COMBINED SERVICES
Sunday, February 8th. First race: 11.30am
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Secretary: Mrs M O'Hare. Tel: 01980 655556

COUNTRYSIDE ALLIANCE CLUB (WESSEX)
Sunday, February 22nd. First race: noon
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset
Secretary: Mrs J Stockdale. Tel: 01258 455412

QUANTOCK STAGHOUNDS
Sunday, March 1st. First race: 12.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretaries: Mrs B Tully & Mrs S Baker. Tel: 01278 732944

BLACKMORE & SPARKFORD VALE*
Sunday, March 8th. First race: 12.30pm
CHARLTON HORETHORNE, nr Sherborne, Dorset
Sec: Mrs C Hinks. Tel: 01963 370260

NEW FOREST* - Saturday, March 14th. First race: 12.30pm
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Sec: Mr J Young. Tel: 01590 622515

WILTON - Saturday, March 21st
First (Charity Flat) race: 12.30pm
First (Point-to-Point) race: 1.30pm
MILBORNE ST ANDREW, nr Bere Regis, Dorset
Secretaries: Mr & Mrs M Elgar. Tel: 01722 718368

MENDIP FARMERS*
Sunday, March 22nd. First race: 12.30pm
EASTON, nr Shepton Mallet, Somerset
Sec: Mrs M Dowds. Tel: 01761 241339

AVON VALE - Saturday, March 28th.
First race: 1.30pm
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Sec: Mrs A Palmer. Tel: 07976 335400

COTLEY* - Sunday, March 29th.
First race: 1.30pm
COTLEY, nr Chard, Somerset
Secretary: Mr A Palmer. Tel: 01297 678525

PORTMAN
Easter Saturday, April 4th.
First race: 2.00pm
BADBURY RINGS, nr Wimborne, Dorset
Secretary: Mrs S Old. Tel: 01258 817101

TAUNTON VALE FOXHOUNDS & HARRIERS* - Easter Monday, April 6th.
First race: 1.30pm
KINGSTON ST MARY, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretary: Mrs V Kemp. Tel: 01404 881353

SEAVINGTON - Sunday, April 19th.
First race: 2.00pm
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset
Secretary: Mr G Rendell. Tel: 01308 868332

SOUTH & WEST WILTS
Sunday, April 26th
First (Charity Flat) race: 1.15pm
First (Point-to-Point) race: 2.00pm
LARKHILL, nr Amesbury, Wiltshire
Sec: Mrs E Marriott. Tel: 01747 840062

DEVON & SOMERSET STAGHOUNDS
Sunday, May 3rd. First race: 2pm
HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset
Secretary: Mrs J Rawle. Tel: 01398 332157

CATTISTOCK*
Bank Holiday Monday, May 4th.
First race: 2pm
LITTLEWINDSOR, nr Beaminster, Dorset
Sec: Mrs N Atkinson. Tel: 01935 83892

MINEHEAD HARRIERS & WEST SOMERSET - Saturday, May 9th.
First race: 2pm
HOLNICOTE, nr Minehead, Somerset
Secretaries: Ms K Boutflower & Mrs D Stevens. Tel: 01984 629266

WESTON & BANWELL HARRIERS*
Wednesday, May 13th.
First race: 4.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
Secretary: Mr J Fear. Tel: 01278 783261

WEST SOMERSET VALE*
Sunday, May 24th.
First race: 1.30pm
COTHELSTONE, nr Taunton, Somerset
Sec: Miss K Cooke. Tel: 01934 853330.

Meeting includes pony racing

angling ilminster aa

King Charles!

WITH the river flooded, six Ilminster AA members headed for Dillington Pond for round six of the Royal Oak sponsored winter league.

All the anglers had plenty of bites with lots of roach and rudd caught on maggots or casters on the pole or whip.

Justin Charles enjoyed a lovely day's sport catching 13lb 6oz from peg 9, his winning net included some lovely quality roach.

Graham Field was second with 161 fish for 11lb 7oz from the peg 8 and Jamie Rich was third with 9lb 13oz from peg 7.

After six matches and dropping the worst result Robin Cox heads the league with seven points followed by Justin on eight and Steve Parker on 11.

Results;
1st - Justin Charles (Ilminster) - 13lb 6oz,
2nd - Graham Field (Taunton) - 11lb 7oz,
3rd - Jamie Rich (Against Men and Fish/Burt Baits) - 9lb 13oz.

On Sunday there is a V.E.S. Precision match and the draw is at the Royal Oak between 8.30 and 9am.

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CAPTAINS Drive-in Saturday, January 17th.
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